

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 6, 2005.

Claims 8 and 10-12 are now presented for examination. Claims 1-7 (which were withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention) and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 8, 11 and 12 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claim 8 is the only remaining independent claim. Favorable review is respectfully requested.

The applicants wish to express their appreciation for the Examiner's statement that claim 9 recites allowable subject matter. The Examiner stated that claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In accordance with the Examiner's comments, independent claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 9; claim 9 has thus been cancelled. In addition, claims 11 and 12 have been amended to avoid their depending from a cancelled claim.

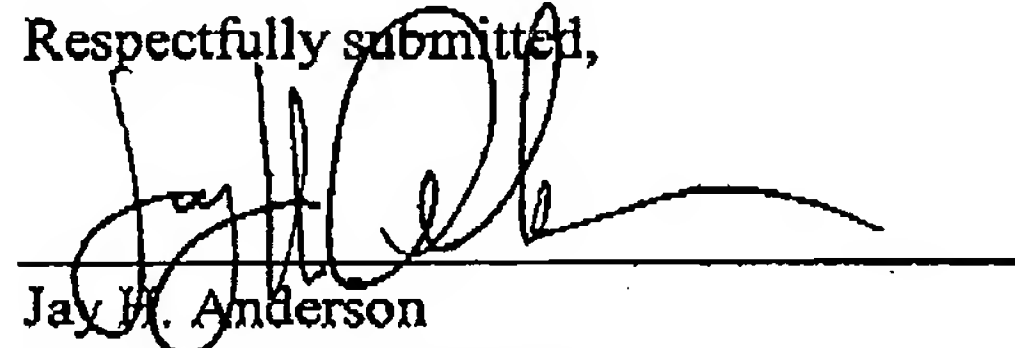
Claims 8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lee (U.S. Pat. No. 6,228,763). It is respectfully submitted that these rejections have been overcome by the above-noted amendment to independent claim 8. Specifically, it is noted that amended claim 8 now has the same scope as previous claim 9.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from independent claim 8 and are therefore also believed to be patentable. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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